

**Elected Wallace Town Council sworn in**



The newly elected and sworn in Wallace Town Council. Pictured (L-R) Mayor Pro-Tem Francisco Rivas Diaz, Councilman Frank Brinkley, Councilwoman Penny Thorne, Mayor Jason Wells, Councilman Jason Davis, Councilwoman Tasha Herring



Frank Brinkley continues to serve



Tasha Herring continues to serve



Francisco Rivas-Diaz continues to serve



Penny Thorne begins service



Mayor Jason Wells held back emotions as he read the Resolution thanking Jeff Carter for his 28 years of service to the Town of Wallace as a Town Council Member. Jeff was presented with artwork of the Wallace Train Depot- this was a project that he worked so hard to see to completion. Many thanks to Jeff for his years of service and his commitment to making Wallace an amazing place to live and do business in!

**Thelma Dingus Bryant Library**  
409 West Main Street • Wallace

**January Storytime**

January 4 - New Year

January 11 - Snowflakes

January 18 - Bundle Up

January 28 -

Penguins & Polar Bears



**Libby - Your Online Library!**

To use Libby, download the Libby app to your device and sign in using your Thelma Dingus Bryant Library card. Browse the available items, borrow them and enjoy them on Phones, tablets, and Kindles can be used and audio books can play in the car if you have Bluetooth capability.

**Second Saturday at the Wallace Depot**  
206 SW Railroad St. • Wallace

The Wallace Train Depot will be open on the **second** Saturday of the month from 10 am-Noon! The Model Train Room will be open with an interactive layout that allows children to help run the trains, and the new outdoor Garden Railroad will also be running- weather permitting. The Learning Station at the Depot will be open with lots of activities, including the ride'em Thomas the Train and interactive train table.



The Wallace Train Depot is available to rent for birthday parties, weddings and wedding events. For information on prices and availability, please contact the Wallace Area Chamber of Commerce at [info@wallacechamber.org](mailto:info@wallacechamber.org) or (910) 665-9535.

**TOWN OFFICES HOLIDAY HOURS**

Wallace Town Offices will be closed  
January 1 New Years Day  
January 15 Martin Luther King Day

**Jimmy Crayton named WVFD Fireman of the Year**

Jimmy Crayton was chosen WVFD Fireman of the Year and 24 other members were awarded the Chiefs participation award at the Annual WVFD Danquet.

The Wallace Volunteer Fire Department is actively recruiting new members. Meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:00 PM at the fire station.

## Town Council votes to add Vape Retail Stores to UDO standards

Wallace Town Council voted add the following "use" in Table 5.1.1 of the Unified Development Ordinance to include #2294 for Vape Retail Sales and that the language below was added in 5.2 Use-Specific-Standards. Tobacco and Hemp Retail Tobacco and Hemp Retail must comply with the following standards of evaluation:

The site of the establishment must be located at least 1,000 feet - measured in a straight line from property line to property line - from the site of any other Tobacco and Hemp Retail establishment that exists or has been permitted. The site of the establishment must be located at least 1,000 feet - as measured in a straight line from property line to property line - from any of the following use types: elementary, middle, or high school, public park, green-way, or residence.

There shall not be more than one use subject to Tobacco and Hemp Retail means the principal sales and/or distribution of:

- Any product that contains tobacco or nicotine, irrespective of whether the nicotine is tobacco derived or synthetic, and is intended for human consumption, as defined by G.S. § 14-313(4). As used in this subchapter, "tobacco product" includes but is not limited to; cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, electronic cigarettes, hookah, smoked or vaped tobacco substitutes, chewing tobacco, snuff, snus, dissolvable tobacco products, and heated tobacco products. Tobacco products do not include nicotine replacement products approved by the USFDA for treatment of tobacco use and dependence.
- Any product that contains tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), irrespective of whether the THC is hemp derived or synthetic. Products that contain no greater than .3% THC are exempt.
- Any product that contains *Mitragyna speciosa*, commonly known as kratom.
- Any electronic device that delivers nicotine, THC or other substances to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to, an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic pipe, vape, or electronic hookah.
- Tobacco and hemp retail shall also mean any person who primarily sells, offers for sale, or does or offers to exchange for any form of consideration, tobacco, tobacco products, or tobacco paraphernalia.



### K9 Officers meet Town Council

Wallace Police Chief Jimmy Crayton introduced K9 Officer Maverick, Officer Meshaw and K9 Officer Viper and Officer Sanchez to the Town Council at the December meeting.

The officers have successfully completed K9 training and certification and will be assigned to the patrol division.

## From Wallace Mayor Jason Wells

As we ring in the New Year in this great town of ours, let us reflect upon 2023 with gratitude and thankfulness for the blessings of this past year.

As our town grows in 2024, the New Year promises to be inspiring, motivating, and amazing in every sense of the word. May 2024 bring you life full of joy, laughter, and new opportunities of health and prosperity.

Cheers to the fulfillment of dreams and memories we have yet to make in 2024.

Mayor Jason Wells



Wallace Town Mayor  
Jason Wells



### Toys For Tots Young Ambassador delivers toys to Wallace PD

Toys for Tots Young Ambassador for 2023-2024 Madison Lewis is a 16 year old 10th grader at Pender Early College High School. She is the Toys for Tots Young Ambassador for Duplin, Sampson, Wayne, Scotland and Hoke Counties. This is her first year as ambassador but her 3rd year collecting toys for Toys for Tots. She collected over 4 boxes of donations. Wallace PD is extremely grateful for Madison's contribution to this cause! Pictured (L-r) Toys for Tots Young Ambassador Madison Lewis and Wallace Police Admin. Manager Keli Wilson.



Detective Clarke Beringer was sworn in during the December Town Council Meeting. He is no stranger to our community, and with over 20 years of law enforcement experience, he brings with him a tremendous amount of knowledge, experience and a strong work ethic.



Congratulations to Detective Ramsey for receiving his Advanced Law Enforcement Certification, one of law enforcement's most coveted honors.

## Who To Call

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**Planning & Zoning Director**  
Rod Fritz  
**Chief of Police**  
James Crayton  
**Fire Chief**  
Taylor Johnson  
**Parks & Recreation Director**  
David Bizzell  
**Librarian**  
Thelma Dingus Bryant Library  
Jennifer Raynor

**FOR PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITY EMERGENCIES**  
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